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SUBJECT: ARMORED VEHICLE FOR USINT PRINCIPAL OFFICER

1. USINT BAGHDAD REQUESTS ONE SEMI-ARMORED CHEVROLET IMPALA FOUR-DOOR SEDAN (BLACK) FOR USE BY THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER. SUCH AS VEHICLE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE RSO IN HIS MEMORANDUM OF MAY 23, 1976 TO THE CHIEF, DIVISION OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS. VEHICLE SHOULD HAVE MAXIMUM AIR CONDITIONING CAPABILITY AND AN OVERSIZE RADIATOR TO COPE WITH BAGHDAD'S EXCEPTIONALLY HOT SUMMERS.

2. VEHICLE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ADDITIONAL TO AND NOT AS REPLACEMENT FOR THE ONE SEDAN NOW ALLOCATED TO USINT. WITH THE INCREASE OF THE AMERICAN STAFF TO FIVE OFFICERS, POST NOW HAS A MINIMUM NEED FOR TWO SEDANS FOR OFFICIAL AND REPRESENTATIONAL USE. PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S PRESENT VEHICLE (1974 PLYMOUTH) COULD BE USED AS SECOND SEDAN AFTER IMPALA ARRIVES.

3. ONLY OTHER OFFICIAL SEDAN NOW AT POST IS 1970 CHEVROLET WHICH WAS AUTHORIZED FOR DISPOSAL IN MARCH 1975. POST HAS REFRAINED FROM SELLING THIS VEHICLE BECAUSE OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF TRANSPORTATION. CONDITION OF 1970 CHEVROLET IS SUCH THAT IT SHOULD BE SOLD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND POST WOULD LIKE TO DISPOSE OF IT WHEN NEW SEMI-ARMORED IMPALA IS RECEIVED.
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